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Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally about steady to barely steady. Demand following the weekend was mostly light to fair, at times moderate for fast food and active retail features. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate with heavier weights in the longest balance. Some plants were down or ran lighter schedules due to immigrant workers' protests resulting in fewer employees onsite. However, a few affected plants were aware and ran Saturday to compensate. In the parts structure, demand was light to moderate. Availability was irregular in various locations, but overall supplies were at least adequate to obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 10-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A		COMPOSITE			
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	53.58	15
Chicago	46.00-49.00	49.36	36 :	50.78	74
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	51.32	22
Denver	74.50	74.25	14 :	75.41	16
Detroit	48.00-52.00	51.00	8 :	54.06	47
Los Angeles	75.00	72.61	66 :	69.41	118
New York	48.00-51.00	49.77	22 :	55.15	50
Philadelphia	47.50-49.00	48.14	11 :	48.68	22
Pittsburgh	47.00-50.00	48.73	11 :	57.49	57
St. Louis	47.25-47.50	46.97	20 :	49.71	35
San Francisco	75.50	74.31	31 :	77.82	57

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/10/06	Change/Last Wk	04/03/06	04/11/05
513	59.37	.44	58.92	73.22

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	52.00-54.00	52.93	32
Central	48.00-56.00	52.90	78
Western	51.00-61.00	58.41	39
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	65.00-68.00	66.57	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,110	46.00-70.00	66.22
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	140.00	1,478
BREASTS - B/S	111.00	6,143
BREASTS - WHOLE	57.50	1,543
THIGH MEAT - B/S	68.50	1,182
LEG QUARTERS	17.00	9,506
WINGS	86.50	3,108

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were mostly adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were available and tenders were clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Retail demand following the weekend was light to fair with market conditions being monitored for further developments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants down or running lighter schedules due to immigrant workers not showing up for work today due to a boycott. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light to fair. Supplies of all items were better balanced to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at generally desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment barely steady. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery were at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings generally ample. Buying activity was lighter as buyers' interest focused on up- coming holiday interest. Retail demand was only fair. Dealers reported moderate to heavier than desired weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 52.16 down .59 with the volume reported down 11 percent to 25 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer majorities were unchanged to slightly lower from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Trade inquiry was light. Heavy weight bird offerings were plentiful, smaller birds were adequate. Overall, demand was tapering into all channels and noted as light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to long; sizes desirable. Supplies of parts were available. Most locations were noting little disruptions from immigration protests, although some slaughter and processors were not operating. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat, and steady on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was at best moderate, but in a fairly good balance for early week business. However, overall offerings were still adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were light as a few plants were not processing. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate for full trade needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	44-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was noted as mostly fair to moderate at best entering the week. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for current needs; dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Tenders were in good balance. Wings were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, best where feature activity was noted. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady on boneless skinless thigh meat; generally steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	93.01	611,440
TENDERLOINS	95-100	92.90	180,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	69.73	36,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.07	92,440
LEGS	29-30	25.46	347,900
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14-15	17.16	489,080
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	20.96	167,200
THIGHS	23-24	30.94	37,160
B/S THIGHS	71-72	65.34	99,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	67.52	246,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.24	12,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	29.00	5,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.12	10,600

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,091	80.00-198.00	89-103	96.21
TENDERLOINS	365	88.00-159.00	-	98.90
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	910	11.00-14.00	12-14	12.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,651	14.00-19.00	-	14.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,443	15.00-26.00	15-20	15.58

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS (1,000)
	04/10	04/06	04/06	04/03	03/30
Alabama	3,807	4,007	5.19	3,957	5.26
Arkansas	4,791	5,313	5.20	5,219	5.19
Delmarva	1,827	2,243	5.71	2,259	5.70
KY-LA-TN	2,257	2,225	4.97	2,207	5.04
Mississippi	2,888	2,900	5.80	2,860	5.85
North Carolina	2,533	2,500	6.81	2,324	6.79
Texas	2,476	2,534	5.30	2,483	5.25
Total	20,579	21,722	5.50	21,309	5.50
Mon	20,579(A)			21,309(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Apr 2005 is estimated to be 30,788,000 down 3.72 percent from a week ago. and down 1.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,976,000 last year 31,178,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	709	87.00-159.00	90-100	98.84
TENDERLOINS	168	92.00-145.00	95-98	96.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	228	18.00-38.00	19-20	20.37
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	482	12.00-16.00	13-14	13.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	980	14.00-25.00	15-17	17.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	65.00-93.00	68-72	72.71
WINGS (CUT)	285	86.00-96.00	88-92	92.70
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR APRIL 10, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.50 - 35.00	32.80	33.37

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 10-APR-TO 14-APR-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	82.00 - 111.00	89.00 - 98.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	50.00 - 81.00	57.00 - 61.00
LEGS	22.00 - 34.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	10.00 - 24.00	16.00 - 18.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	16.00 - 26.00	18.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	17.00 - 29.00	-
THIGHS	19.00 - 30.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	60.00 - 98.00	80.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 48.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 58.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-98
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83.5-100.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-103
	DRY PACK 108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 102-109
DUCKS	185-190

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 07, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00-16.00	340,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.62		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-20.00	11.50-15.00	1,564,000	988,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.28	13.09		
20% OR MORE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 07, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	16.00	180,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-21.00	11.00-15.00	1,367,200	800,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.40	13.11		
20% OR MORE	-	-	-	-
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules was noted as less than normal. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.25	12-13	12.60
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.30

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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